

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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December 4, 2003

Mr. R. Dale Grimes  
Bass, Berry & Sims PLC  
AMSOUTH Center  
315 Deaderick Street, Suite 2700  
Nashville, TN 37238-3001

RE: *Petition by the CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. Petition for Suspension of the Federal Communications Commission Requirement to Implement Number Portability, Docket No. 03-00610.*

Dear Mr. Grimes:

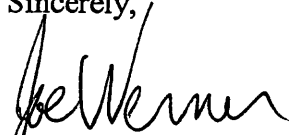
To assist the Authority in its review of CenturyTel's above referenced filing the following information is necessary:

1. Has CenturyTel previously petitioned the FCC or the TRA requesting an extension of time, or a modification of the FCC's rules regarding number portability? If so, a copy should be provided with the response.
- 2.. What procedures has CenturyTel put in place to comply with providing local number portability if it received a bona fide request from a CLEC providing local exchange service in the Knoxville MSA?
3. Identify the switch designation, and exchange, for which the petition of suspension of the FCC's rules is being sought.
4. Identify and describe the specific equipment, software, programming or other technical issues that make number portability technically infeasible for CenturyTel.
5. Provide, in the national aggregate, the number of access lines CenturyTel has in service.
6. Does CenturyTel charge its customers the FCC authorized local number portability charge as a regular monthly charge? If so, when did the charge begin to show on CenturyTel's billing invoices?

7. In paragraph 13 of its Petition CenturyTel states, "...while Petitioner has previously received portability "requests" from wireless carriers they are not considered bona fide requests." Describe a number porting request that CenturyTel would consider a bona fide request. Compare what CenturyTel considers a bona fide request with the number porting requests previously received. Provide copies of the previous requests.
8. Does CenturyTel provide remote call forwarding, or like service features, as a subscription feature available to its consumers?

Please provide the requested information by December 9, 2003. If you have any questions concerning this request, or need additional information, please call Lewis De Board at 615-741-2904, extension 219.

Sincerely,



Joe Werner  
Telecommunications Chief